ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventh Annual Session,

—OF THE—

Pea River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH,

—ON THE—

1st and 2nd. Days of November 1883.

JESSE M. ROWE, ... Moderator.
A. J. WISE, JR., ... Clerk.
C. R. TALBOT, ... Treasurer.

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Order of Business.

1. Hear Letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite Ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint committees, to report during session, viz:
   - To arrange preaching;
   - On Missions;
   - On Finance;
   - On Documents;
   - On Nominations;
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum Read.
9. Call Roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes and adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Pea River Baptist Association met with New Providence Church, Coffee County, Alabama, in its Seventh Annual Session, on the 1st. day of November A. D., 1883. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder I. Spence, at 11 o'clock, A. M. After one hour and a half for refreshments the body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Jesse M. Rowe. Prayer by Elder J. G. McCaskey.

By request brothers B. M. Stevens and J. G. McCaskey, read the letters from the several churches.

Delegates names were enrolled as follows:

New Providence—W. J. Spurlin, P. T. Wise and J. A. Moore.

Hebron—Elder John Bradley, N. T. Watson and J. H. Stanton.

Bethlehem (Dale County)—J. W. Bullard, J. M. Tally and J. M. Bullard.

White Water—D. J. Williams, J. J. Calhoun and John Pevey.

Bethlehem (Coffee County)—J. T. Peacock, J. H. Weed and A. J. Brooks.

Shiloh—Elder M. Brooks, J. R. Spurlin and M. A. Helms.

Woodland Grove—Elder Jesse M. Rowe, M. Brunson and C. R. Talbot.

New Ebenezer—J. A. Taylor, Wm. Taylor and N. B. Fleming.

Mount Lebanon—J. A. McGee, R. E. Wise and W. G. W. Harper.

Then proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of Elder Jesse M. Rowe, Moderator, A. J. Wise Jr., Clerk, and C. R. Talbot, Treasurer.

Then invited visiting ministers to seats in the body. Called for petitionary letters from churches desiring to unite with the Association, when a letter was presented from the Elba Baptist Church by her delegates, B. M. Stevens, S. B. Harper and A. R. Chapman. Also one from

New Hope Church by her delegates, Willie J. Horn, Samuel Wood and W. H. H. Johnson, both of which together with their delegates were received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following Committees were appointed to report during the session:

On Preaching—J. W. Bullard, S. B. Harper, with the delegates from New Providence Church.

On Finance—A. J. Brooks, J. A. Taylor and D. J. Williams.

On Periodicals—B. M. Stevens, M. Branson and M. A. Helms.

On Nominations—John Bradley, C. R. Talbot and J. A. McGee.

On Missions—M. Brooks, A. R. Chapman and J. R. Spurlin.

On Documents—R. E. Wise, Wm. Taylor and N. T. Watson.

Called for Correspondence, when J. D. Parkman, G. W. L. Parkman and E. M. Brooks responded from Salem Association, and W. W. Fleming and N. C. Underwood from Newton Association, and W. H. Archer, from the Zion Association. Then the committee on divine service reported as follows: At 3 o'clock p. m. at the stand Elder M. Brooks; at 7 o'clock p. m., Elder John Bradley, at Elba; 7 o'clock p. m., Elder J. G. McCaskey; at the stand 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, N. C. Underwood. On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 2nd, A. D., 1883.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by W. C. T. Moseley.

Renewed the invitation to visiting ministers, when Elder I. Spence responded from Bethlehem Association, and W. C. T. Moseley from the Alabama Association. On motion the regular order of business was suspended, when brother B. M. Stevens offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association co-operate with the State Convention upon all subjects of missionary work, both State, Home, and Foreign. After being elaborately discussed, was adopted.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS.

To Newton Association—M. Brooks, M. Brunson, N. B. Fleming, D. J. Williams, J. W. Bullard, J. M. Rowe, M. A. Helms and A. J. Wise Jr.

To Sandy Creek Association—J. W. Brooks and A. J. Brazeal.

To Salem Association—M. Brooks, J. Bradley, M. Brunson, J. M. Rowe and J. A. Taylor.

To Zion Association—B. M. Stevens and J. M. Rowe.

Called roll and marked absentees.

Read the Decorum.

Called for reports of Committees.

Report of the Executive Committee read and adopted. See appendix A.

Report on Missions read and adopted. See appendix B.

Adjourned one hour and a half—re-assembled. Singing, and prayer by Elder J. W. Bullard.

Report on Documents read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report on Nominations read and adopted. See appendix D.

Report on Periodicals read and adopted. See appendix E.

Report on Finance read and adopted. See appendix F.

Tereasurer's report read and adopted. See appendix G.

On motion a committee consisting of B. M. Stevens, S. B. Harper and Robert Harper was appointed to devise, or plan a system by which to raise a fund to co-operate with the State Convention, and to report at an early day to the Executive Committee for approval.

The following resolution was offered by A. J. Wise Jr.:

Resolved, That we are due, and hereby tender our thanks to the kind citizens in the surrounding vicinity, for the kindness shown us during our stay among them.

The committee appointed last session to see brother A. Windham, reported and satisfaction was given.

On motion the Minute fund was turned over to the Clerk to furnish the Churches with Minutes.

The Association then adjourned, to meet with Bethlehem Church, Coffee County, Thursday before the first Sabbath in November 1884.

A. J. WISE JR., Clerk. JESSE M. ROWE, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Brooks,.....Victoria, Ala.
John Bradley,.....Victoria, Ala.
Jesse M. Rowe,.....Elba, Ala.
J. W. Bullard,.....Daleville, Ala.

VISITING MINISTERS.

I. Spence,.....
J. G. McCaskey,.....Georgiana, Ala.
N. C. Underwood,.....Haw Ridge, Ala.
E. M. Brooks,.....Brundidge, Ala.
W. C. T. Moseley,.....Rutledge, Ala.

APPENDIX A.

We, your Executive Committee, offer the following report:
We employed brother Jesse M. Rowe, as Missionary two months during the past Associational year, for which we promised to pay the said brother twenty-five dollars per month for his labors. And according to his report, we find that he has fulfilled the contract, therefore we have already authorized the treasurer to pay the said brother twenty-three dollars and eighty-five cents, leaving a ballance of twenty-six dollars and fifteen cents to be paid at the present session.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. J. SPURLIN,
Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

We your Committee on Missions, make the following report:
For the lack of time to gather information we cannot report anything of interest. We have done but little this year, but enough to encourage us; we should increase our energies, as the *Master* has abundantly blest us with a general revival, with an increase of seventy-three baptisms, therefore let us double our efforts in Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. BROOKS,
Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We, your Committee on Documents ask to make the following report: We find nothing, except one petition from Bethlehem Church, Coffee County, asking that the next session of this Association be held with that Church, and, we your Committee recommend the next session to be held with that Church.

Respectfully Submitted.
R. F. WISE,
Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We, your Committee on Nominations report thus:

To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body, M. Brooks, his alternate, J. W. Bullard; and W. J. Spurlin, Z. Blackman, M. Brunson, M. A. Helms and J. W. Brooks an Executive Committee. As delegates to meet the State Convention at Tuskaloosa, Alabama, before the 3rd. Sabbath in July 1884, J. M. Rowe, M. Brooks, J. W. Bullard, B. M. Stevens, S. B. Harper and Robert Harper.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN BRADLEY,
Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, submit the following report:

The diffusion of a sound Baptist Literature is a subject of vital interest to the great Baptist family of every land. We therefore deem it our duty to call the attention of our Churches, and the individual membership thereof to this matter, and recommend that they procure such periodicals as the *Alabama Baptist* and *Fords Christian Repository*; for Sabbath Schools, *Kind Words* and the *Childrens Gem*.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,

B. M. STEVENS,
Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

We, your Committee on Finance offer the following report:

Minute Fund,	$23.65
Pledges,	17.50
Collections,	23.00
Sent by Churches for Associational purposes,	1.00
Total,	$65.15

All of which has been turned over to the Treasurer and his receipt taken for the same.

A. J. BROOKS,
Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Treasurer's report received of the Finance Commtitee, ... $65.15

C. R. TALBOT,
Treasurer.

Rules of Decorum.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the Chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have

the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided, he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

Rule 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep to the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Chair.

Rule 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the Chair.

Rule 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

Rule 7. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

Rule 8. A list of the names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

Rule 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

Rule 10. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rise.

Rule 11. This Decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Present Number	Contributions
Bethlehem, (Dale County,)	10	1	1	1	0	1	39	$2.05
Elba Church,	11	13	0	0	1	0	33	3.00
New Providence,	7	2	0	2	1	0	24	1.60
New Hope,	0	2	2	4	0	0	62	2.00
New Ebenezer,	1	0	0	5	1	0	23	2.00
Hebron,	0	6	0	0	0	0	17	1.00
Bethlehem, (Coffee County,)	17	3	1	5	1	1	92	3.00
Mount Lebenon,	14	3	0	0	0	0	26	2.50
White Water,	11	2	0	3	0	1	28	1.85
Woodland Grove,	10	5	0	0	0	0	41	3.00
Shiloh,	4	0	3	3	0	1	28	2.00
Total,	85	37	7	23	4	4	413	$24.00

Absent Delegates, J. H. Stanton, J. M. Tally, J. M. Bullard and W. G. W. Harper.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Bethlehem, (Dale County,)...	J. W. Bullard,...	Daleville,....	J. M. P. Tally,	Daleville,....	3rd Sabbath.
Elba Church,.....	J. M. Rowe,.....	Elba,.....	W. P. Boyd,..	Elba,.....	" "
New Providence,.....	J. M. Rowe,.....	Elba,.....	P. T. Wise,...	Elba,.....	4th "
New Hope,.....	E. M. Brooks,....	Brundidge,...	N. B. Keaton,	.....	.....
New Ebenezer,.....	W. C. T. Moseley,	Butledge,.....	J. M. Rhoads,	Elba,.....	4th Sabbath.
Hebron,.....	John Bradley,...	Milo,.....	N. T. Watson,	Milo,.....	4th "
Bethlehem, (Coffee County,)..	D. C. Allen,.....	Brundidge,....	J. T. Peacock,	Victoria,.....	1st "
Mount Lebanon,.....	J. W. Bullard,...	Daleville,....	J. F. Wise,...	Clintonville,..	1st "
White Water,.....	M. Brooks,.....	Victoria,.....	D. J. Williams,	Elba,.....	1st "
Woodland Grove,.....	J. M. Rowe,.....	Elba,.....	M. Brunson,..	Victoria,.....	2nd "
Shiloh,.....	D. C. Allen,.....	Brundidge,....	J. W. Brooks,.	Elba,.....	2nd "